

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The Time-Warner/AOL merger should have been halted by the FCC long ago. I thought that the role of the FCC was to protect the consumer. You have been negligent in this role and now you feel that the two caps which protect us Americans, cable ownership and broadcast/newspaper cross-ownership, should be eliminated or weakened. I totally disagree with your viewpoint and would like the FCC to leave the caps in place.

Ownership of radio stations in our country are now in the hands of big conglomerates like Clear Channel. Because of this, radio has lost many listeners (like my family). I'm tired of seeing rich honchos like Rupert Murdoch seize control of our newspapers and TV outlets. Do you want our media to resemble that of Russia's or China's where only one viewpoint is disseminated to the country? I do not.

It is your duty to leave these safeguards in place.